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## SITUATION REPORT

### POLAND

*Moscow continues to express support for the strategy advocated by Prime Minister Jaruzelski, but at the same time it has maintained its attacks on Solidarity, the dissidents, and Western "interference."*

*Pravda* noted on Monday that the Polish party-government program for normalizing the situation outlined by Jaruzelski last week is being received "with interest and hope" by "broad strata" of the Polish working class. Following the lead of the Polish press, *Pravda* claimed that the government was receiving telegrams from all over Poland approving its new program.

The Soviet media, meanwhile, continue to accuse Solidarity of trying "to perpetuate tension" by waging a "fierce political struggle." The Soviets also are repeating more frequently the charge that the West, especially the US and West Germany, are assisting Solidarity in this effort.

Moscow is devoting special attention to the dissident organization KOR, which it claims dominates Solidarity's leadership. A prominent Soviet magazine charged yesterday that KOR's leader, Jacek Kuron, has extensive ties with "anti-Communist" organizations in the West, including a "Trotskyite" center in the Netherlands. A TASS dispatch from Warsaw yesterday accused Kuron and his son of instigating the current strikes on Poland's campuses.

This media commentary reflects the Soviets' desire that the Polish party not relax its efforts to combat opposition despite the current lull in industrial strikes and the plans for a 90-day strike moratorium. By continuing to focus on KOR, the Kremlin appears to be indicating to the Polish leaders its candidate for the first target of any crackdown.

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## Strike Activity

The students in Lodz yesterday ended their strike after signing an agreement with the regime. [REDACTED] the strikers called on students throughout Poland, who have held or threatened sympathy strikes, to return to class. Although the students won their demands for greater university autonomy and a larger student role in setting policy within the universities, both sides showed a willingness to compromise. [REDACTED]

Radio Warsaw this morning reported that an agreement was reached with one group of farmers in southeast Poland but added that it would not become effective until a similar accord was signed by a second group. Settlement of these disputes would bring to an end all major strikes taking place or threatened in the country. [REDACTED]

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